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SUBJECT: F-16 PAYMENT SCHEDULE PROBLEMS MAY ENTER POLITICAL CHANNELS

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1. DURING JANUARY 3, 1977 CALL DEFENSE UNDER SECRETARY HOLST TOLD DCM AND POL/MIL OFFICER THAT FRONT END LOADED PAYMENT SCHEDULE CONTAINED IN RECENTLY DISTRIBUTED F-16 LETTER OF OFFER WOULD CAUSE GON PROBLEMS.

2. ALTHOUGH SUBJECT WILL BE RAISED AT A SPECIAL STEERING COMMITTEE

MEETING ALREADY REQUESTED, HE THOUGHT MATTER WAS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE THAT IT WOULD ULTIMATELY HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH AT POLITICAL LEVEL.

3. HOLST WAS IN DOUBT WHETHER IT WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE FOR GON TO APPROACH USG TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER EUROPEAN PARTNERS OR BILATERALLY, DEPENDING ON THEIR SHARED INTERESTS AND PERCEPTION OF PROBLEM. PERSONALLY, HOLST THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR GON TO ACT INDIVIDUALLY.

4. COMMENT: AS HAD BEEN EXPECTED EARLY PAYMENT FOR F-16 IS A PROBLEM FOR NORWEGIANS. THE BUNCHING OF REQUESTS FOR DEFENSE PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE STARTING RAISES VISIBILITY AND, THEREFORE, POTENTIAL POLITICAL IMPACT DURING AN ELECTION YEAR, OF LARGE AMOUNTS BEING ASKED FOR AND THE GUNS RATHER THAN BUTTER NATURE OF THE REQUEST. GON PRESENTLY HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION FUNDING FOR F-16, AWACS AND ROLAND II AS WELL AS PURCHASE DECISIONS TO BE MADE ON OTHER MILITARY HARDWARE SUCH AS THE PATRIOT AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM.

5. THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH GON VIEWS F-16 PAYMENT SCHEDULE IS REFLECTED IN THEIR CONSIDERATION OF A DECISION TO PURSUE (FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR MEMORY SINCE CONSORTIUM FORMED) THE SOLUTION TO AN F-16 PROBLEM THROUGH POLITICAL CHANNELS.
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